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Greenbriar Sewage Plant Saga Enters New Stage

by Elaine Skolnik

The Greenbriar sewage treatment plant saga has entered a new stage as the parties to the adjudicatory hearing, originally scheduled for April 14 by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), continue to spar.

Up to now, the Prince Georges Environmental Coalition (PGECC), in appealing EPA's decision last September to grant a discharge permit for the on-site treatment plant, has taken the position that the State's standards were inadequate, and that the plant should not operate until additional standards are adopted. EPA has been permitting the plant to operate pending the outcome of the adjudicatory hearing which is now tentatively scheduled for Monday, April 28 at the Greenbelt Municipal Building, but faces further postponement.

Now PGECC is asking that the on-site plant be bypassed and that Greenbriar be allowed to hook in permanently to the Western Branch public sewer system. The plant already has a connection to the system, but can only use it if an emergency arises.

Wants Hook-up

Speaking for PGECC, Rhea Cohen expressed the Coalition's concern that "during the summer months there will be a heightened risk to the public health and the environment because of the stream's low flow." She also noted that according to WSSC reports, "it appears that there is a surplus capacity for about 700,000 gallons of additional sewage flow (per day)" at the Western Branch sewage treatment facility. Additionally, she contends that "the Greenbriar condominium project represents an existing demand for sewer service which should take precedence over new and unoccupied buildings," and that "withdrawal of the permit before it presently expires" is justified because of "serious health and environmental hazards associated with the continued discharge from the plant."

Cites Favorable Record

WSSC and the State Department of Water Resources (SDWR) report that the plant is operating "excellently" and test results are well within the permit's allowable limits. Both agencies pointed out that the effluent discharging from the advanced Greenbriar plant was of higher quality than that coming from Western Branch, a secondary treatment plant. An official of SDWR said, "The results at Greenbriar seem to indicate that when everybody puts their hearts and souls into a project, it can be done right."

Greenbriar consultant Dr. John Cookson disagreed that the summer months would produce problems. "Actually," he said, "the stream will be in a better state... the effluent from the plant would provide more water to the stream during low flow, which would flush the nutrients by keeping the water moving and preventing stagnation."

He saw no danger to the public health during this period, and pointed out that the effluent would improve the existing stream which contains coliforms (fecal matter). According to WSSC's April testing reports, no coliforms were found in the plant's effluent.

Against Hook-Up

WSSC does not dispute PGECC's contention that the Western Branch plant could handle Greenbriar's sewage discharge (at present about 35,000 gallons per day),

but feels it would be a dangerous precedent to set. A spokesman for the agency said that the Greenbriar development was given approval for construction because an interim plant would be provided by the developer, and any priority consideration for hook-up would be unfair to others.

Proponents of immediate connection disagree, contending that a surplus capacity has been built up because many developers, who had priority over Greenbriar for sewage hook-up to the public system, have been unable to build because of adverse economic conditions. Furthermore, they argue that even if some projects were begun in the near future, expansion of the Western Branch would be completed by the time they were ready for occupancy.

Kay Agreeable

As for Alan Kay of Greenbriar Associates, he said he would be glad to go along with PGECC's request for connection to the public system. It is now costing Kay about \$13,000 a month to operate the Greenbriar plant.

In addition, PGECC is asking that the State permit to operate the plant not be extended beyond July 1. WSSC is asking for an extension until the expansion of the Western Branch is completed in March 1976. This matter will be the subject of still another hearing — this time by the State Department of Natural Resources.

Little League Opening Day

The Greenbelt Little League's annual opening day ceremonies and parade will be held Sunday with the parade beginning at 1 p.m. at Ridge Road and Hamilton Place. Accompanied by drum and bugle corps and majorettes, the teams will march down Ridge Road to McDonald Field at Ridge Road and Southway.

After the first ball of the season is thrown out by a city official, the opening game will begin at 2 p.m. between the city champion Giants and the National League champion Tigers. Refreshments will be available at McDonald Field.

Free Fishing Clinic

The Anglers Unlimited Fishing Club will sponsor a fishing show at the Greenbelt Armory on Sunday, April 27 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This show is for beginners as well as the expert angler and it will feature all types of fishing.

There will be Bay Charter Boat Captains, Surf-Casting Specialist, Ken Laurer, and Gene Mueller, noted fisherman and sports writer for the Evening Star.

Movies, prizes, rod making and lure making will be featured at this free event.

SIDEWALK SALE

The Greenbelt Woman's Club sidewalk Sale will be held all day Friday, April 25 as well as Saturday, April 26. Rain dates are May 2 and 3.

Benefits from the sale will go to a scholarship for a young woman graduating from Parkdale High School.

WHAT GOES ON

Thurs., April 24, 8 p.m. GHI

Board Meeting, Hamilton Pl.

Fri., April 25, 8 p.m. Duplicate

Bridge, Youth Center

Sun., April 27, 1 p.m. Little

League Parade, starts at Ham-

ilton Place

3:30 p.m. Turner Family

Plaque Ceremonies

Kenilworth & Crescent

7 p.m. Springhill Lake Dupli-

cate Bridge Club, Club Cham-

ionship Game, SHL Communi-

ty Building

Mon., April 28, 8 p.m. Public

Hearing, Lake Park Master

Plan, Parcel 7 Municipal

Building

Wed., April 30, 8 p.m. Work Ses-

sion on City Public Works

Budget, Municipal Building

Lake Park Concession Badly Damaged by Fire

The concession stand at Greenbelt Lake Park was severely damaged by fire on Tuesday morning, April 22. The fire was discovered around 9 a.m. by members of the city warehouse staff who notified city fire and police departments.

Response of the fire and police departments and city manager was very prompt according to Duane Bowman, who with his wife runs the concession stand for Gunners Mate, Inc. Because the building was securely locked, firemen had to use pry-bars to get the hinges off the doors in order to enter. The east wing of the building was destroyed and will have to be completely rebuilt. The rest of the building will also have to be redone because of smoke damage. Destroyed were all the bicycles, two outboard motors, all life jackets seat cushions and oars, candy and popcorn machines, ice cream freezer, and soda vending machine. Those articles not completely burned were damaged by heat and smoke to such an extent that they cannot be used.

The cause of the fire has not been determined although arson is suspected. According to the city, investigation has been turned over to the fire marshal. Gunners Mate, Inc. is offering a reward of \$1,000 for any information leading to the arrest and conviction of anyone involved in setting the fire. Anyone who noticed people loitering about the lake park between 7:30 and 9 a.m. on that day is asked to call 474-5454 or 277-5284. All information will remain strictly confidential.

The Bowmans hope to reopen the stand by this coming weekend.

Hearing Set Thursday For Day Care Facility

A special exception for the proposed day care facility in the Greenbriar Community Building will be heard by the county zoning hearing examiner on Thursday, May 1 at 9:30 a.m. in the County Service Building (Room 224) in Hyattsville. The facility is to be operated by the Campus Center for Early Learning which is associated with Prince Georges County Community College.

In October city council approved the special exception and parking modification for the facility with two conditions - (1) all loading and unloading of children to take place in the parking lot adjacent to the building; and (2) no green space to be converted for parking to support the school.

The day school operation for pre-school and nursery school age children will utilize 2,954 sq. feet on the ground floor of the community building and accommodate a maximum of 70 children.

Increased Assessments, Amusement Tax, State and Federal Grants Help Hold Line on Property Tax

by Al Skolnik

A 1975-76 municipal budget for Greenbelt that calls for no increase in the property tax rate is the hope of the document submitted to the city council by city manager James K. Giese last week. But even with no increase in the present tax rate of \$1.03 per \$100 of assessed valuation, Giese said, Greenbelters will be paying more in city tax dollars because of reassessments by the county. These reassessments are largely responsible for the increase in the assessed valuation of Greenbelt's property — from an estimated \$57,100,000 for fiscal year 1975 to \$70,500,000 for 1976.

In addition, the budget is proposing an increase of 25 percent in monthly waste collection charges in order to avoid a \$33,400 deficit in this self-supporting project. The alternative, Giese said, is a reduction in services to twice-a-week pickup. A major contributing factor to the pending deficit is the loss of revenue (over \$10,000) from the sale of recyclable newspapers because the bottom has dropped out of the used paper market.

\$1,712,200 Budget

The proposed general fund budget provides for total expenditures during the fiscal year 1976 of \$1,712,200, up some \$274,100 or 19 percent from the current 1975 fiscal year appropriation. (The increase is \$255,900 if the self-supporting items are excluded.) The increased yield of \$167,000 in property taxes as the result of reassessments will make up some of the \$274,100 increase in expenditures.

For the rest, the city manager is counting mainly on a \$48,000 increase in the yield from amusement and admission taxes as the result of the six theaters opening at Beltway Plaza, an increase of \$65,000 in State aid for police protection, and a grant of \$58,400 in aid under Federal public service employment programs.

Some of these revenue increases will be offset by losses in revenue from other sources. Ordinary business corporation property taxes are expected to go down \$10,000 as the result of Klein's closing. The city's share of State racetrack, highway, and income taxes is expected to be smaller in 1976 than in 1975. The city's share of the county tax rebate, which is supposed to reimburse municipalities for services performed by counties in unincorporated areas but not in municipalities, is expected to be \$4,000 less this year.

The city will also not have in 1976 the \$7,200 yield from the special assessment tax for center mall improvements which was declared illegal. Finally, the budget allows \$30,000 to cover possible tax refunds resulting from Greenbelt Homes, Inc. tax assessment appeal.

Revenue-Sharing

To balance the general fund budget, the city manager is proposing to allocate \$43,000 of Federal general revenue-sharing moneys to reimburse the general fund in 1976

for expenditures that are eligible for payment out of revenue-sharing money. This represents more than half of the \$75,000 the city expects to receive in the coming year from revenue-sharing, and which the city was hoping could be used for capital improvements.

Expenditures

Despite the \$274,100 increase in expenditures, the budget contains little increase in level of services, said Giese, with the exception of providing an expanded recreation program in the new center facility at Spring Hill Lake, at an additional cost of \$40,300.

Giese attributed this situation partly to inflation, citing the rise in wages and in the price of goods and services that the city must purchase. He noted that the cost-of-living increased 9.7 percent in the metropolitan Washington area last year and while he is recommending only a 5 percent cost-of-living increase for city employees for fiscal 1976, this increase will cost \$58,300. Also covered by this amount is a new pay plan recommended by a personnel consultant hired by the city which will cost another 2 percent to put into effect.

Giese noted that the recession has had an adverse effect on salary costs because there is less employee turnover (more employees are qualifying for in-step grade increases) and less time when jobs are vacant.

Highlights

Highlights of the budget include:

(1) Establishment of a reserve for capital improvements in an amount equal to a 3c tax levy, plus restoration of reserve funds placed in the 1975 budget which were not realized due to the shortfall of revenues. It is proposed to use these funds for street resurfacing (\$26,800), the improvement of the intersection of Gardenway and Crescent Road (\$3,200), and for bicentennial related improvements (\$5,000).

(2) The reduction of the authorized strength of the public works department by one employee. However, the budget provides for the funding of four positions out of Federal manpower program funds in addition to the authorized positions.

(3) The funding of Greenbelt CARES Youth Service Bureau in the amount of \$10,000 in fiscal year 1976. See CITY BUDGET, page 2, col. 3

History of Greenbelt Property Tax

	Budgeted expenditures	Real Property Assessed valuation	Tax rate per \$100 assessed valuation
			1/
1961-62	\$ 318,719	2/ \$ 9,383,760	\$1.77
1962-63	316,385	2/ 11,271,240	1.50
1963-64	373,930	2/ 18,139,930	1.31
1964-65	487,650	2/ 25,189,590	1.07
1965-66	563,400		1.07
1966-67	601,750	32,414,750	.99
1967-68	696,200	39,062,840	.87
1968-69	815,100	40,924,380	.85
1969-70	985,300	44,336,440	.80
1970-71	1,088,350	48,150,036	.80
1971-72	1,132,600	48,526,830	.84
1972-73	1,220,500	54,246,470	.92
1973-74	1,363,500	56,031,350	.92
1974-75	1,438,100	57,086,000	1.03

1/ Prior to 1966-67, tax rate was levied for calendar year
2/ Represents calendar year data for 1962, 1963, 1964, and 1965.

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Bicentennial Activities

by Mary Lou Williamson

The "Wild Cat Farm" of Sarah and Shadrick Turner, dating back to 1759, will be the site of Greenbelt's first Bicentennial event this Sunday, April 27 at 3:30 p.m. An historical marker will be placed along Edmonston Road just north of the State Highway Administration complex, locating the cemetery and homesite of the Turner family.

The marker is being erected through the contributions of United Methodist churches in the area and with the cooperation of the Greenbelt Bicentennial Committee. The Prince Georges County Historical Society is a sponsor.

The ceremony, prepared by the Methodist churches, will include hymn-singing, recognition of churches and individuals and an address by Dr. Asbury Smith, long-time member of the Baltimore Conference and a contributor to its written history. Parking will be available at the State Highway Administration. In case of rain the ceremony will be held at the Greenbelt Community Church.

Early History

In 1759 Sarah and Shadrick Turner purchased "Wild Cat Farm", 6 miles north of the port of Bladensburg. The farm, with dwelling house and farm buildings, cost them 35 pounds, 10 shillings sterling. Shadrick was a landowner and planter of moderate means.

Written accounts of a traveling Methodist minister, Bishop Francis Asbury, tell of his nine visits to the home of Sarah and Shadrick between 1777 and 1803. Asbury found the home a resting place in his travels from Virginia and Georgetown to Baltimore.

A stained glass window in the Hyattsville Methodist Church commemorates this early figure in its history "Shadrick Turner, living near Bladensburg, in whose home Asbury and other early circuit riders visited and preached and whom we honor as a founder of the church in Bladensburg, our direct and original church ancestor." By 1791 Turner's group is recorded to have had 40 members, and in 1793 the Bladensburg Methodist Episcopal Church was recognized by the Baltimore Conference.

According to the church's history "The County Census of 1776, as published in Brumbaugh's Maryland Records gives Shadrick's age as 48 and his wife Sarah's as 38. There were nine children between the ages of 25 and 1 year. They also had four male slaves. The family is recorded also in the 1790 Census, the first taken by the United States government.

"Shadrick made his will in 1797 and died two years later."

In 1935 the Resettlement Administration bought the property which was still owned by the Turner family. The family moved out of the area.

Cemetery

In 1941 the cemetery was deeded to the City of Greenbelt and is now called the Greenbelt Cemetery. Known graves include that of Thomas Patrick Turner who died September 25, 1855 before the age of 16. It is believed that other family members dating back to the time of Shadrick are buried there as are the Turner family slaves.

Travel for Fun -- and Funds

Jack Davis of Springhill Lake announces that, in cooperation with Travel-On, Limited of Greenbelt, funds will be raised for the St. Elizabeth's Patient Fund. A Memorial Day weekend trip May (23-27) to the Laurel's Hotel on Sackett Lake in Monticello, New York is planned, with Travel-On contributing a portion of its profits to the hospital.

For reservations call Davis 474-5052 or Travel-On 474-1300.

Davis also supplies patients at St. Elizabeth's with clothes in good condition, shoes, refreshments, and money. Contributors are urged to call him.

"Drugs Among the Young"

On Fri., April 25, congregation Mishkan Torah (JCC) will hold a panel discussion on "Drugs Among the Young" following the regular Sabbath Eve services, which begin at 8:30 p.m. The panel includes Dr. Arthur Kaufman, a physician who served on a medical committee on drug addiction in Prince Georges County; Ernest Reshew, a worker on addict rehabilitation; Henry Warshaw, attorney; and Rabbi Kenneth Berger of Mishkan Torah. The discussion is open to the public and will commence at about 9:15 p.m.

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year 1976. Upon expiration of the grant from the Governor's Commission on Law Enforcement, and the Administration of Justice in March 1976, it is hoped that the Maryland Department of Juvenile Services will pick up the remaining costs to be funded.

(4) The operation of the swimming pool at a slightly lower cost as a result of reduced maintenance needs and tighter control of personnel costs. Even so, the pool is expected to operate at a \$5,200 deficit in 1976, unless there is an increase in admission rates.

(5) Recommended city contributions to recreation organizations are upped by \$7,075.

(6) No increase in the strength of the police department. However, two employees funded by Federal manpower programs would be continued as long as Federal funds are available.

(7) Increased cost for maintaining parks, but no great expansion in the level of maintenance. The parks crew is increased by one federally funded employee for as long as the Federal funding continues.

Every \$7,809 of increased expenditures (or reduced income) accounts for one cent on the tax rate.

Cubs Sell Donuts

Cub Scout Pack 202 will sponsor a donut sale on Sat. morning, April 26. The Cubs will be selling door to door and donuts will also be available in the Greenbelt Community Church parking lot. Proceeds will be used to sponsor scouting activities throughout the coming year.

At the Library

Breakfast Theatre will be showing "The American Film" which includes highlights from classic films such as "High Noon," "On the Waterfront," and "Friendly Persuasion," on Mon., April 28 at 11 a.m. in the Meeting Room of the Greenbelt Library. Coffee will be served. Everyone is welcome to this free program.

Puppets at Beltway Mall

The Bob Brown Marionettes will present "Ragtime Review" at the Beltway Plaza Mall on April 26. The show features rod puppets, hand puppets and marionettes, and will be free to the public at noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Marionettes perform so that while the smaller children sit enthralled, older children and adults receive an extra insight into the art of puppetry by watching the puppeteers pull hundreds of strings.

Bob and Jean Brown, leaders of the puppet extravaganza, were former directors of the newly conceived Smithsonian Puppet Theatre, and describe the show as "Not for children only".

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Church School 9:30 A.M. (For ALL Ages)

MORNING WORSHIP 11:00 A.M.

Sermon: "Help from the Hills"

Nursery Care for Infants through Kindergarten

Rev. Clifton D. Cunningham, Minister 474-3381

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What? You are invited - you are Welcome

Greenbelt Baptist Church 474-4212

Bible Study for All ages (Sun.) 9:45 am

Sunday Worship Services 11 am & 7 pm

Mid Week Service (Wednesday) 7:30 pm

Official City Announcements

Public Hearings

The City Council has scheduled the following Public Hearings to receive citizens comments:

LAKE PARK MASTER PLAN - including proposals for the development of Parcel 7

APRIL 28, 1975 - 8:00 P.M.

HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY

MAY 12, 1975, 8:00 P.M.

Appointments to Boards

and Committees

Council is seeking resumes from Greenbelt residents interested in serving on any of the city's advisory boards or committees for consideration in filling present or future vacancies:

Advisory Planning Board

Park and Recreation Advisory Board

Community Relations Advisory Board

Bicentennial Committee

Board of Elections (see below)

Board of Elections

On April 7, 1975 the City Council enacted a Charter Amendment to revise city election procedures and to establish a Board of Elections. This amendment will become effective May 27, 1975 unless petitioned to referendum. However, due to the upcoming city elections, Council wishes to make appointments to this Board as soon as legally possible, and is seeking resumes from interested persons as early as possible. The duties of the Board of Elections, as established by the Charter Amendment will include the following:

1. Review periodically city election procedures;
2. Recommend to the Council amendments to city election regulations and procedures when it deems such amendments will provide for the improved conduct of elections;
3. Hear appeals of decisions of the City Clerk as provided in the Charter Amendment;
4. Appoint and remove Election Judges and Clerks with or without cause;
5. Certify the results of elections;
6. Conduct recounts of votes cast at elections whenever there is doubt as to the accuracy of the count;
7. Perform such other duties as may be assigned to it by this Charter, ordinances and resolutions, and by the direction of the City Council.

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Letters to the Editor

Upset Over Oversight

To the Editor:

As of April 8, 1975, I learned through the Greenbelt city office that . . . senior citizens in GHI were entitled to a \$6.00 reduction quarterly for trash collection, which we were never notified of by GHI (we the home-buyers). This notice should have been sent out to all of us, way back, in July of 1974. I was told to see Mr. McGinn immediately and have it straightened out . . . I saw Mr. Haslinger (Roy Breashear's ass't.) and told him the whole story. Mr. Haslinger said he would take the matter up with Mr. McGinn immediately, which he did, because, on the morning of April 9, 1975, Mr. McGinn called me at my home, and told me that I was absolutely correct in every detail, and that it was an oversight on the part of GHI, but that the matter would be straightened out and become retro-active to July of 1974 and that each member would be notified in writing . . .

What goes on up in GHI? Is this proper management and auditing of the books?

Well! a letter similar to this will soon be in the hands of the States Attorney General's Office.

No wonder the attendance at the GHI membership meeting is so small. People know what's going on in GHI and talk will no longer prevail, as action must be taken, even if we are only a handful with guts enough to fight against any wrong doing in an Organization such as ours . . .

William S. Hennessy

Credits for Senior Citizens

To the Editor:

Commencing with the bill for the period October, 1971 to December, 1971, due in January, 1972, the city has allowed Greenbelt Homes, Inc. credits against the trash bills for those senior citizens eligible according to city specifications for real estate tax relief.

The trash credit is one-half of the three-month charge, which back in 1971 was \$3.25 per month or \$9.75 a quarter, thus one-half equals \$4.87. We have credited the ledger cards of those senior citizens named by the city who are entitled to the credit. We have normally given the credit in the month that the trash bill is paid, which is the month following the quarter.

Credits have been issued to senior citizens in March 1972, May 1972, July 1972, October 1972, January 1973, March 1973, July 1973, October 1973, January 1974, April 1974, June 1974, October 1974, January 1975 and April 1975. These can easily be verified from ledger cards.

We inadvertently credited the October 1974 and January 1975 senior citizen's ledgers with \$4.87 or a total of \$9.74 for these two months. Since the rate was increased as of September 30, 1974 to \$12.00 a quarter, we should have given \$6.00 a quarter, or a total of \$12.00 for October 1974 and January 1975 credits. We have adjusted the March 31, 1975 credit by \$2.86 for a total of \$8.86. Notice of this has been mailed out to the 95 senior citizens affected.

Donald W. McGinn
Comptroller
Greenbelt Homes, Inc.

Support Elderly Housing

To the Editor:

The community of Greenbelt has a renewed interest in housing for senior citizens.

It is a need and a provision that should have the input and interest for or against such a good project. This is a facility that can be for Greenbelt senior citizens and active younger people. Many younger residents have parents or even grandparents about whom they are concerned and would like them to be nearby.

Our city council is to be commended for setting a public hearing on May 12, at 8 p.m.

I hope many citizens will bring their opinions, for or against, to this meeting.

Rev. Kenneth C. Buker

Setting the Record Straight

I was quoted, and (A) sometimes misquoted, in a news story in the April 17, 1975 issue of the News Review, and (B) I was commented about by name at times, and perhaps also by indirection, in two letters to the editor in that same issue. So I'd like to set the record straight.

(A) In your lead story, page one, about the recent Greenbelt Homes, Inc., special membership meeting, you quote me as having said, "First you flay the board for not acting . . . (etc. and) Then when the poor dopes . . . take action, you flay them again . . ." What I said, in both instances, was "we flay them." I also said that I too, had flayed them. (I have; and I will again when I see fit.)

The rest of the News Review's quoting or paraphrasing of me seems correct. I do not believe that it is permissible to use the tactic of some GHI members — imputing to those with whom they disagree — (and with some of whom I sometimes have disagreed) dishonesty, corruption, illegality, venality, etc., unless there is solid evidence supporting such charges.

I have risen on occasion in GHI meetings to reject some of those kinds of attacks on board members, or ex-board members, with whom I have had some dandy fights of my own. Somehow, I never got down to thinking, hinting or saying about them, that they were crooks or the equivalent. And I've risen to repudiate such attacks on GHI employees.

The board members, and many of the employees, were and many still are neighbors—neighbors of rather high quality.

The board members are people who have served for little or no compensation in various GHI posts demanding hard work, lots of time, sacrifice, good judgment and expertise. I have believed that at times their judgment was not good enough; much of the time they've had to make decisions in areas where they had insufficient expertise. So we disagreed. (We don't pay the employees much, either; certainly not enough to take some of the insults hurled their way, if there could ever be enough pay for that.)

(B) In her letter in the April 17 issue, Mrs. Coxon calls me someone's "unofficial spokesman. As published, it seems she is calling me the "unofficial spokesman" of those who criticize the board, because she says, "... threats leveled at board critics by their unofficial spokesman, Mr. Mat Amberg." I think she means to call me the board's unofficial spokesman. Either way, she's wrong. I am at times a critic of the board. I'm not anyone's spokesman, unofficial or otherwise, except my own. I did not discuss any of the business of that meeting with any board member in advance of the meeting. I didn't get any instructions from them.

Mrs. Coxon's letter complains that I don't see any merit in her or Mrs. Hutzler's projects. She's right; I don't, especially those associated with her attacks on the GHI election process as it used to be. I resent that some members associated with her group (I think) have built an atmosphere of suspicion of the honesty of the volunteers who have conducted the GHI elections (that used to include me, remember!) and of the clerical staff who used to assist them.

I don't admire the years-long efforts of a small group of members to get some kind of audit, or investigation, or something, that would prove that our paid staff and our board members (of whom there have been quite a few) have been crooks. I think that tends to be destructive not only of the reputations of decent persons but also of the real interests of each GHI member.

Mrs. Coxon says I'm not "chivalrous" to a lady of 77! I didn't know anyone of 77 was involved, nor that any age entitled one to attack others while being immune from being disagreed with.

In her letter, Mrs. Hutzler says I "brashly made a public statement about me which he had better make sure he can verify when called upon." I don't know what she means. In the next paragraph, she says something about "a person"

stooping "to billingsgate vernacular." My dictionary tells me that billingsgate is "coarsely abusive language; vituperation." I do hope by "a person" she doesn't mean me because I do not recall my having used such language at that meeting. If I did, which I doubt, I apologize.

She also says "it was obviously a planned attack to intimidate me." And she says she assumes this "intelligence came from higher up." If she's talking about me, and if she means I was in some plan with the board against her or that board members are higher than we members who aren't on the board but elect them, or both — she's wrong.

She quotes Shakespeare about stealing purses and reputations and trash and then says, "In this case, they are attempting to rob me of both my purse and name." Who are "they"? Whose name is Mrs. Hutzler attacking by accusing him, her or them of attempted robbery?

I don't want her name or her property. I do want GHI members to stop this running down of GHI and of its officers, board, employees, etc. With oral accusations, letters to papers in and outside Greenbelt that go beyond disagreement on judgment, letters to public officials and government agencies (either opposing what GHI is asking these officials or agencies to do for us or requesting investigations of GHI), suits and threats of suits, etc.—unless the persons making such moves have solid evidence of wrong-doing. Not evidence that some policy or action—done or proposed—may not be the wisest, but evidence of crookedness, illegality.

I want GHI members to stop working up fears and suspicions in the membership; disrupting the corporation or impeding the work of its staff; making it more difficult for us to debate or solve our real problems; making it less likely that good people would run for GHI elective positions or accept paid jobs with GHI, and making it less likely that anyone reading about GHI goings-on would want to buy in here. As to buying up of contracts, that's not robbery. It's self-defense. It's to save our co-op. And if the co-op management is all that bad, I'd think she'd be grateful to be bought out.

Mat Amberg

Cast In Concrete

Cast in concrete? Not yet, but a majority of the city council is proposing to cast a concrete slab at the Lake Park that will accommodate 100 picnickers, put a roof over it and call it a picnic pavilion. Presently the park is used mostly by individuals, families and small groups; however, the picnic pavilion would encourage use by large organizations. I believe that this will not only exacerbate the present overcrowded parking problems but will also inhibit the present users of the park at times when large organized activities are in progress. To add a few more frills, the council is also proposing to cast a concrete slab on the peninsula, put a roof over it and call it a gazebo.

I believe improvements to the Lake Park should be oriented toward family use rather than large organizational usage. There are better uses for the precious city tax dollars appropriated for park improvement than what is being proposed.

On Monday, April 28 at 8 p.m., the city council will hold a public hearing on the Lake Park Master Plan. Before the concrete is cast, tell the council what you think about it.

Gil Weidenfeld

Shakespeare Read Too Late

Isn't it too bad Mrs. Martha Hutzler didn't read Shakespeare years ago? Perhaps then she would not have tried to steal the good names of members of the Board of Directors, management and staff of Greenbelt Homes, who are some of the finest people in our area.

Janet M. James

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What Price Chivalry?

In her last week's letter to the News Review Eunice Coxon asserted that Mat Amberg "lacks even the saving grace of chivalry toward a lady of 77-years young" but does not identify the woman to whom he was allegedly unchivalrous. From the context of her entire letter it is clear that she means either herself or Ms. Hutzler.

If she thinks that he lacked chivalry toward herself, I gather that this is because he has been unable to find merit in any of Ms. Coxon's proposals. I do not believe that even Sir Galahad would have felt it necessary never to disagree in order to maintain his reputation for chivalry.

If as is possible from her letter she refers to Martha Hutzler as the one denied courtesy, it is plain from Ms. Hutzler's letter that she feels no need for such codes of conduct. First she accuses Mr. Amberg of "a statement which he better make sure he can verify when called upon" but gives no further information, a hit-and-run type slur that is unrelated to chivalry. This is followed by the statement that "a person" stooped to "billingsgate"—coarse and vulgar language. With no further identification all who spoke at the meeting are presumably faced with this charge. Not content with this she goes on to state that the chairman (who in reality is a respected scientist, church member, and family man) "looked rather pleased" at the alleged foul-mouthedness.

I'm all for chivalry, but I don't believe it ought to be confined to men. Women too should make accurate statements, respect facts, and cease substituting for them insinuations and dark hints of wrong doing that in the long run can only hurt individual reputations, our community, and our property values.

Katherine Keene

Spring Concert Sunday

The Greenbelt Concert Band of Prince Georges County, directed by John DelHomme, will present a Spring concert on Sun., April 27, at the Holy Cross Lutheran Church at 3 p.m. Admission is free.

Greenbelt Homemakers

The Greenbelt Homemakers will have their monthly craft program on Thurs., May 1, at 7:30 p.m., at the Greenbelt Library. "Broomstick Lace" will be demonstrated. Visitors are welcome. Call Sue Soule, 474-0881, for further information.

Recreation Review

Kava - Teen Club

A teen club canoe trip, down the C&O Canal, has been planned for Sat., April 26. The group will meet at the Youth Center at 7:30 a.m. and return at 5 p.m. All Greenbelt youths, 13 years and over are invited. A nominal fee will be charged.

Drawing Class for Junior Teens

This FREE course was designed for youth between the ages of 12 and 15 for both fun and skill. All youths are encouraged to participate in this program. The class will be held at the Greenbelt Youth Center on Thursdays from 4:30-5:30 p.m. for eight weeks.

Donut Sale

The Greenbelt Swim Team will be selling glazed donuts, from door to door, on Sat., April 26 from 9 a.m. until noon, for the purpose of purchasing equipment. Please give them your support.

Early Registration Urged For Kindergarten Program

Center, Oakcrest and John Carroll elementary schools will hold a Language SHIP program for those children who will be entering kindergarten in September. Children will be tested for vision, hearing, speech and language skills and visual perception. This will take approximately one hour for each child.

To be eligible, children must be five on or before January 1, 1976. Proof of the child's age and immunization of 4 DPT, 3 oral Polio, Rubella and Rubeola will be required. Early registration for kindergarten is urged.

Center's program will be held on May 8 and 9. Parents can make appointments for the program when they register their children for kindergarten.

May 5 and 6 will be SHIP days at Oakcrest. For appointments parents should call 336-8020.

There are still openings from 10:30-2:30 for John Carroll's program on May 9. Parents should call 773-0707 for appointments.

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Additions, Resales Occupy GHI Board

by Sid Kastner

Several members were present at last Thursday's Greenbelt Homes, Inc. board meeting to hear board members discuss situations of particular interest to them, including a question of how to add an addition to a home already adjacent to other members' additions.

In this latter case, not only is the member's home in a row in which the members on both sides have additions, but one of these additions has a casement window which opens toward the proposed addition. Thus the basic question was raised of balancing the property rights of the member with the existing addition against the rights of a member who later desires to build his own addition.

The members involved had worked out a compromise proposal in which a 27 inch wide "alleyway" would be left for the window to open into, but manager Roy Breeshears, and also some board members on becoming informed of the problem, expressed reservations about such a solution. Directors Byerly and Smith felt that the member now desiring an addition should have the right to build to his property line. As the discussion progressed it became clear that an immediate decision could not be reached and the board decided to study the matter further in an executive session.

On another construction question, whether GHI should share in the cost of installing aluminum siding on a member's home on Westway, the board acted more quickly and passed a motion by director James Foster - chairman of the Finance committee - which effectively denied use of corporation funds for the purpose, though encouraging the member not only to proceed with the renovation but also to install insulation in order to save on fuel costs.

Financing Resales

The manager next reported to the board that Twin Pines is extending the period of their loans from 10 to 15 years for financing resales of GHI frame homes, and from 15 to 20 years in the case of brick and masonry homes. He noted that "in the long run this may be good" since when the GNMA first mortgage is paid up by the corporation in late 1977, such a loan may be of long enough period and low enough interest rates to take its place as a first assignment (at present these loans are actually second mortgages, requiring higher interest rates and shorter payment periods). He suggested therefore that the Finance committee start studying such financing now so as to be prepared.

This topic was touched on again later in the meeting, when director Virginia Moryadas relayed to the board a query by a prospective member who wanted to know whether he could pay up the first mortgage on a GHI home. The reply was that this could not be done since the GNMA mortgage was on all homes jointly. Director Joseph Comproni further clarified the situation by noting that after the GNMA mortgage is paid off, the members will own the homes together in a "mutual ownership" contract.

The interest of lending organizations outside Greenbelt in financing GHI home resales was evidenced by a request from the White Oak Federal Credit Union (formerly N.O.L. Credit Union) to enter into such a servicing agreement with GHI. This request was passed on a motion by Comproni.

The question of access of members to the services of the staff has been considered by the board for some time, and director Stephen Polaschik brought a draft of a proposed policy on this to the board, saying "there should be some limits on how much time the staff has to give to members." This brought a mixed reception, with Comproni suggesting instead that GHI "computerize" its material for better access by members, and Eunice Coxon objecting from the floor that the corporation's finan-

cial information was not clear. On a motion by director Foster, action on the Polaschik draft was deferred for a week so that the board can study it further.

Earlier in the meeting, Ms. Coxon read to the board a letter by an elderly pensioner who complained that he was not informed of a rebate due him from GHI because of overpayment for waste collection (a difference of \$1.87 resulting from a change in charges to GHI by the city). Comptroller Donald McGinn verified that the rebate would be paid, and added that it was now going out in the mail.

Near the end of the meeting director Moryadas, who chairs the Long-Range Planning committee, proposed that a part-time planning consultant be hired to assist her committee. Chairman Smith was receptive but first requested the committee to work together with the Engineering and Maintenance committee to develop a concrete proposal ("work program") for what such a consultant would do for the corporation.

Finally, a special meeting of the board was arranged for Thursday, May 1 to discuss by-law proposals which will be brought up at the annual membership meeting.

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TO G.H.I. MEMBERS

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Authorized Expenditures Made to Date for Completed Work	164,243.00

Balance of Funds:	Committed	\$ 1,979.00	
	Uncommitted	152,541.56	154,520.56

Interest Earned to Date	2,539.85
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Total	\$157,060.41
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Location			
Equitable Trust Company (Greenbelt, Maryland)			
Savings Account			
Treasury Bills Purchased through Equitable Trust Co.			
Due May 1, 1975	(Face \$30,000)	Cost	29,604.90
May 15, 1975	(Face \$60,000)	Cost	59,155.40
July 10, 1975	(Face \$70,000)	Cost	67,670.40
Total as above			\$157,060.41

Funds Collected for Repayment	
Collected in Members Charges - Year 1974	\$ 35,730.80
1975 Collections (Jan. - March)	11,429.49
Interest Earned to Date	1,034.35
Total	\$ 48,194.64

Location	
Peoples National Bank (Greenbelt, Maryland)	
Savings Account	
Treasury Bill Purchased thru Peoples Bank	
Due June 13, 1975	(Face \$25,000)
	14,811.85
Total as Above	\$ 48,194.64

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James R. Foster
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City of Greenbelt, Maryland

NOTICE OF CHARTER AMENDMENT

On April 7, 1975 the City Council of Greenbelt, Maryland adopted Charter Amendment Resolution Number 1975-4 and the following Title of the Resolution is a fair summary of the amendment:

Charter Amendment Resolution Number 1975-4

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF ARTICLE 11E OF THE CONSTITUTION OF MARYLAND AND SECTION 13 OF ARTICLE 23A OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND (1957 EDITION AS AMENDED), TITLE "CORPORATION-MUNICIPAL," SUBTITLE, "HOME RULE," TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT, MARYLAND (1963 EDITION AS AMENDED) AND CONTAINING IN WHOLE OR IN PART THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT, BY REPEALING AND REENACTING WITH AMENDMENTS SECTION 4, TITLE "CREATION; QUALIFICATIONS; COMPENSATION," BY DELETING AN UNNECESSARY SENTENCE RELATING TO COUNCIL VACANCIES, AND BY AMENDING THE TERM "REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION" TO READ "REGULAR COUNCIL ELECTION."

The above amendment shall become and be considered a part of the Charter of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, according to the terms of the amendment in all respects to be effective and observed as such, upon the 27th day of May, 1975, unless on or before the fortieth day after passage, which shall be the 17th day of May, 1975, there shall be presented to the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, or mailed to it by registered mail, a petition for referendum signed by twenty percent or more of the persons qualified to vote in the general election of the City of Greenbelt, requesting that the above Charter Amendment be submitted to referendum to the voters of the City of Greenbelt.

A copy of the above Charter Amendment Resolution is posted in the Greenbelt Municipal Building in accordance with the requirements of Section 13(d) of Article 23A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, and may be obtained from the City Clerk, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland, Telephone 474-8000.

JAMES K. GIESE, City Manager

RESOLUTION NUMBER 292

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE TURNER FAMILY CEMETERY AS A HISTORIC LANDMARK AND APPROVING THE EFFORTS OF THE PRINCE GEORGE'S HISTORICAL SOCIETY, THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, AND THE GREENBELT AMERICAN REVOLUTION BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE TO COMMEMORATE THE SITE WITH A HISTORICAL MARKER

WHEREAS, Shadrick Turner purchased a 125 acre tract of land known as "Wild Cat" in 1759, upon which he established his home, and

WHEREAS, Shadrick and his wife Sarah were zealous Methodist laymen who hosted many religious meetings, and

WHEREAS, Bishop Francis Asbury, "Builder of Methodism in America", visited "Wild Cat" farm on nine occasions, and

WHEREAS, several United Methodist Churches trace their histories to these early religious meetings, and

WHEREAS, the Turner family burial ground at "Wild Cat" is now a part of the Greenbelt City Cemetery located near Edmonston Road in Greenbelt, and

WHEREAS, the remains of Thomas Patrick Turner, who died on September 25, 1855 before the age of sixteen are known to be buried in the family graveyard, and it is believed that other family members, dating back to the time of Shadrick Turner, are also buried there, and

WHEREAS, it is also believed that the graves of Turner family slaves are located in the family cemetery, now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland that the Turner Family Graveyard be and hereby is designated as an official Greenbelt historic landmark, to be preserved, restored, and maintained in recognition of the early settlers of the Greenbelt area and the Nation, and

Be IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council hereby authorizes and approves the efforts of the Prince George's County Historical Society, the Methodist Churches of Prince George's County, and the Greenbelt American Revolution Bicentennial Committee to establish a historical marker beside Edmonston Road to commemorate "Wild Cat" farm, the site of early Methodist preachings and the home of Shadrick and Sarah Turner, and the Turner Family Graveyard.

PASSED by the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, at its Regular Meeting, December 16, 1974.

Richard R. Pilski
Mayor

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YARD SALE: Sat., April 26, 10 a.m.-? Raindate May 3. 8-D Ridge. Benefit, St. Gregory's BCYO.

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YARD SALE: Saturday, April 26, 3 Woodland Way. 10-2.

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The film that was shown after the temple tour, "Man's Search for Happiness," will also be shown. Due to large crowds most of the visitors were unable to see the movie.

Information concerning a non-sectarian family unity program will be available.

There is no charge for admittance.

For further information contact Mormon Elders, 345-9082.

Races at Greenbelt Lake

Two long distance races open to all joggers and runners are scheduled for April 26 at Braden Field, where both races will start and finish. The first race starts at 9:30 a.m. and is a 1 1/4 mile race around Greenbelt Lake. The 5-miler starts at 10:10 a.m. and also goes around the lake, but turns off toward the high-rise apartments and comes back through Lakeside Drive to the library and Braden Field in a 2 1/2 mile loop, which is repeated twice. This 5-miler is a self-handicap run in which runners guess the time it takes them to run the course.

Merchandise will be given to top self-handicappers and there will be special prizes for Greenbelters in the 5-mile run. Runners should arrive early to register and get a handicap.

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Notice of Charter Amendment

On March 17, 1975 the City Council of Greenbelt, Maryland adopted Charter Amendment Resolution Number 1975-2, and the following Title of the Resolution is a fair summary of the amendment:

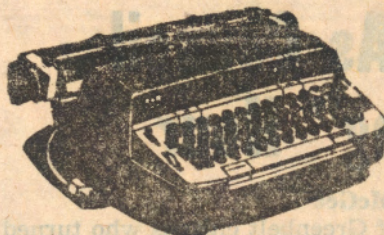
CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION NUMBER 1975-2

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF ARTICLE 11E OF THE CONSTITUTION OF MARYLAND AND SECTION 13 OF ARTICLE 23A OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND (1957 EDITION AS AMENDED), TITLE "CORPORATION-MUNICIPAL," SUBTITLE "HOME RULE," TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT, SAID CHARTER BEING SUBTITLE 40 OF ARTICLE 17 OF THE CODE OF PUBLIC LOCAL LAWS OF MARYLAND (1963 EDITION AS AMENDED) AND CONTAINING IN WHOLE OR IN PART THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT, BY REPEALING AND REENACTING WITH AMENDMENTS SECTION 40-62, TITLE "TAX PROCEDURE," TO BRING THIS SECTION INTO CONFORMANCE WITH THE LAWS OF MARYLAND.

The above amendment shall become and be considered a part of the Charter of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, according to the terms of the amendment, in all respects to be effective and observed as such, upon the 6th day of May, 1975, unless on or before the fortieth day after passage, which shall be the 26th day of April, 1975, there shall be presented to the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, or mailed to it by registered mail, a petition for referendum signed by twenty percent or more of the persons qualified to vote in the general election of the City of Greenbelt, requesting that the above Charter Amendment be submitted to referendum to the voters of the City of Greenbelt.

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Look, Errol Flynn, Brenda Marshall, and Donald Crisp; there is still a Camelot; yes, right out on Route 450 past Glenn Dale; and we have in that area a gorgeous, very spacious, split-foyer home with every luxury feature, in an area of almost new homes, surrounded by lovely countryside; let us show you a home that can really make your dreams come true; priced to sell on all terms at \$69,000.

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Tempers Flare As Council Passes "Witching" Hour

by Bob McGee

There were a whole lot of Greenbelt citizens who turned out for the regular city council meeting on Monday, April 21, but the chambers only started to heat up after they departed. Perhaps there is a correlation between time and tempers, as was hinted at by city solicitor Emmett Nanna when he urged that council simmer down and not act too hastily on a motion to request the governor to veto the apartment tax. "No meeting should ever go beyond 11:30 p.m.," he said near midnight, and council finally voted 3 to 2 to temporarily table the motion and clear the agenda. By 12:30 a.m., everyone cheerfully voted for adjournment, with over half of the council crowding into councilman Gil Weidenfeld's little sports coupe for a ride home — I mean, how friendly can you get?

The heat was generated over councilman Thomas White's motions to urge the county council not to enact the 4% apartment tax but to enact the 5% tax on commercial and industrial rents and the hotel and motel tax if needed; and the one urging the Governor to veto the apartment rental tax. White and councilman Richard Castaldi contended that the apartment tax is inequitable; affects the majority of Greenbelt citizens; and was only passed because the county showed a huge deficit which "miraculously" disappeared after the State voted for the county tax package. Weidenfeld and councilman Charles Schwan agreed that the tax was not equitable, but objected that they did not have sufficient information on which to make a decision or to offer alternatives, and that to do so, when State and county representatives had already decided, would unnecessarily alienate them.

White suggested that Weidenfeld had voted to support the apartment tax at an earlier meeting, to which Weidenfeld objected, stating that he had voted only to urge the State to include the city in the allocation of these funds at a time "when it was a foregone conclusion that the measure would pass."

Somewhat later, Weidenfeld suggested that to vote for White's motion would be politically expedient. White took strong exception to the expedient characterization, and launched into a counter argument, whereupon Mayor Pilski ruled him out of order and insisted that he address himself to the point of the motion. White kept insisting on a point of personal privilege, and Pilski said that if White wished to challenge the rule of the chair he could.

In the middle of this heated exchange, Schwan jumped in to state that, in view of the lack of information available, if he voted for White's motion it would only be because of political expediency because he knew that it would get votes from apartment dwellers. Council finally voted 4 to 1 to urge the county council not to enact the apartment tax, and tabled the motion addressed to the Governor's veto.

Earlier a large number of senior citizens turned out to participate in discussion of the housing for the elderly site selection only to learn that council was simply accepting the Advisory Planning Board report on this matter and that it would become an item of business at the next regular meeting of the council.

Braden Field Fence

A great deal of discussion took place over the Park and Recreation Advisory Board report recommending the reinstallation of a fence on Braden Field for the lighted softball field. This proposal was also supported by city staff which believed that the fence would not seriously interfere with either the baseball field or the football field and would provide a superior softball facility. Further, it was felt that the fence would be helpful from a maintenance standpoint by reducing pedestrian, bicycle and even vehicular traffic which has been a source of added wear and tear.

Bill Clarke appeared in opposition to the fence, carrying a large airplane-glider in hand. He suggested that Greenbelt's open areas

should be kept that way for multiple usage. There are a lot of sizeable groups who have recreation interests that receive little notice, he stated, like runners, airplane and glider enthusiasts, and kite flyers, whose activities would be curtailed by installation of a fence. He stated that he had taken a poll and learned that "Benjy's" had sold nearly 1,200 kites and that, overall, there were probably 2 or 3,000 kites bought in Greenbelt, all of which need considerable open space in which to fly.

A number of representatives of the softball league were present, including Greenbelt's nationally known Shell team. Mr. Miller, their spokesman, stated that they certainly had nothing against persons having other sports interests, but only wished to point out that they are talking about an area which is and always has been a softball field. Further, he stated, the field has steadily been deteriorating over the past few years due to inability to maintain it properly. He urged erection of the fence on behalf of the hundreds of players and spectators who enjoy this sport. Council unanimously supported erection of the fence with a few provisions to make certain of the safety of the players on adjoining fields.

Turning Wall

Another matter drawing a sizeable group of interested persons—primarily Aquatic Boosters—was the PRAB report recommending that the council approve the instal-

lation of a turning wall three feet wide and that the shallow portion of the pool be filled to maintain an overall depth of approximately 3 feet to 3 feet six inches.

PRAB and the Aquatic Boosters group were in general agreement about the dimensions, and city manager James Giese acknowledged that these new arrangements could provide a number of program advantages. He pointed out that money had not been provided in the budget that he had presented, however. Council finally voted to take up the matter as part of their budget considerations.

Playgrounds

Mary Clarke read a report she had prepared and which had been transmitted by PRAB relevant to the survey of playgrounds recently made by city staff. She incorporated copies of published materials which gave suggestions for utilizing "free materials" in playgrounds, such as old utility poles, railroad ties, wooden wire spools, discarded tires, etc.

Mrs. Clarke proposed renovating Candy Cane City and the Lake Park playground by using such "free material" and city labor, and that a second stage of development would be to renovate other existing city playgrounds with a combination of citizen help and city-furnished materials, and, finally, the development of new playground areas in at least three neighborhoods not now served: Lakeside, Boxwood, and Woodland Hills.

The concept of citizen involvement in developing area playgrounds won immediate council approval, with the thought that this kind of "sweat equity" might help to reduce vandalism and encourage more active use of the areas also. Several citizens also appeared to support this report.

In other actions, council voted to reappoint three members of PRAB whose terms had expired: Mary Clarke, Nancy Field, and Larry Noel; appropriated \$400 additional funds for the Springhill Lake Boy's Baseball League to pay for umpires, and \$50 to the Greenbelt Choral Society to buy sheet music in order to be able to perform their Spring concert; and passed an ordinance providing fees and roadside restrictions on peddlers and hawkers. The latter pas-

sed after council assured itself that voluntary non-profit organizations and home yard sales were exempt from the provisions.

Council also supported the county developing a therapeutic drug community type of program for drug abuse victims, urged the county to consider extending library hours to times better suited to working people, deferred renewing the Jaycee Club House lease until a decision is made whether or not that property is to be the site of elderly housing, and, finally, provided for special city voter registrations on May 16 and May 31 at Springhill Lake, the Center Mall, and Greenbriar.

It was a long night.

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NOTICE OF CHARTER AMENDMENT

On April 7, 1975 the City Council of Greenbelt, Maryland adopted Charter Amendment Resolution Number 1975-3, and the following Title of the Resolution is a fair summary of the amendment:

Charter Amendment Resolution Number 1975-3

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF ARTICLE 11E OF THE CONSTITUTION OF MARYLAND AND SECTION 13 OF ARTICLE 23A OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND (1957 EDITION AS AMENDED), TITLE "CORPORATION-MUNICIPAL," SUBTITLE, "HOME RULE," TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT, MARYLAND (1963 EDITION AS AMENDED) AND CONTAINING IN WHOLE OR IN PART THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT, BY REPEALING AND REENACTING WITH AMENDMENTS THAT PORTION OF THE CHARTER WHICH PERTAINS TO ELECTIONS, WHICH PART BEGINS WITH SECTION 14, TITLE, "DATE; NONPARTISAN" AND CONTINUES TO EACH SUBSEQUENT SECTION, THROUGH AND INCLUDING SECTION 33, TITLE, "VOTING MACHINES," TO PROVIDE A COMPREHENSIVE REVISION OF THE CHARTER REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO THE CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS WITHIN THE CITY AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A BOARD OF ELECTIONS CONSISTING OF FIVE MEMBERS TO REVIEW ELECTION PROCEDURES AND TO RECOMMEND REVISIONS, HEAR APPEALS OF DECISIONS OF THE CITY CLERK, APPOINT AND REMOVE ELECTION JUDGES AND CLERKS, CERTIFY ELECTION RESULTS AND CONDUCT RECOUNTS AND PERFORM SUCH OTHER DUTIES AS MAY BE ASSIGNED TO IT.

The above amendment shall become and be considered a part of the Charter of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, according to the terms of the amendment, in all respects to be effective and observed as such, upon the 27th day of May, 1975, unless on or before the fortieth day after passage, which shall be the 17th of May, 1975, there shall be presented to the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, or mailed to it by registered mail, a petition for referendum signed by twenty percent or more of the persons qualified to vote in the general election of the City of Greenbelt, requesting that the above Charter Amendment be submitted to referendum to the voters of the City of Greenbelt.

A copy of the above Charter Amendment Resolution is posted in the Greenbelt Municipal Building in accordance with the requirements of Section 13(d) of Article 23A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, and may be obtained from the City Clerk, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland, Telephone 474-8000.

JAMES K. GIESE, City Manager

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